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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Alden Eugene Orput of Burr Ridge, who passed away on November 15, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Alden Orput was born on August 18, 1931 to Raymond and Hilah (nee Greer) Orput in Rockford; he graduated from Rockford East High School and attended Principia College; he graduated with a degree in Architecture and Engineering from the University of Illinois in 1955, where he was a member of the Gargoyle Honorary Architectural Society, the Alpha Rho Chi Architecture Fraternity, Harvard Business School's Owners Presidents Program, and was an Alleton Scholar for Architecture History; he served his country as a 2nd Lieutenant with United States Army Corps of Engineers, stationed in Murnau, Germany from 1955-57; he married Joanne Adamson; and

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WHEREAS, Alden Orput returned from the service and joined the family business, Raymond A. Orput & Associates, Architects, Engineers, and Planners in Rockford in 1957 and worked for them for 25 years; he helped build the firm into a multi-state organization that, at one time, was one of the 500 largest professional firms in the United States; over the years, his firm received numerous design awards and 6 national awards from the American Association of School Administrators; he served as

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1 Vice President of the Illinois Chapter of the American
2 Institute of Architects and as President of the Northern
3 Illinois Chapter of the American Institute of Architects; and

4 WHEREAS, Alden Orput was very active in the Rockford Park
5 District and was an elected commissioner; he was the catalyst
6 for the River Walk development, expanded the park district
7 lands, and worked to help build the Riverview Ice House; he had
8 a zest for life and loved being outdoors; he visited numerous
9 national parks and many European countries; he trekked through
10 the Himalayas and climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro on his 70th birthday;
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12 WHEREAS, Alden Orput was a member of The Union League Club
13 of Chicago, the Foundation for the University of Illinois,
14 Southwest Blue Book, the Ellings Park-Santa Barbara Board of
15 Directors, and the Foundation Board for Santa Barbara City
16 College; and

17 WHEREAS, Alden Orput was preceded in death by his brother,
18 Douglas; and

19 WHEREAS, Alden Orput is survived by his wife of 58 years,
20 Joanne; his children, Jeffrey (Deb) Orput, Kimberly Orput
21 (S.L.) van der Zanden, Deanne Orput (John) Parker, and Gregory
22 (Cristen) Orput; his 10 grandchildren; his great-grandchild;

1 his sister-in-law, Gail; and his brother-in-law, Ronald (Alta
2 Jo) Adamson; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
5 Alden Eugene Orput, and extend our sincere condolences to his
6 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Alden Orput as an expression of our deepest
10 sympathy.